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Mr. George Cunningham, A.A.
Senator George McGovern
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Cunningham,

In haste in writing you earlier about George Meany's part in intelligence and diplomatic activities of a cold-war nature, I think I forgot to mention the man in apparentk overall command, the policy advisor in these matters, former Communist Jay Lovestone.

By coincidence we dined with old friends who had just returned from more than a year out of the country while the TV news was on last night. Our host, Leon Loeb, chuckled at an account of the Meany position. he won't vote for President.

How strange it is, he said, that George Meany now says don't vote when he spent at least a million dollars and much time over a period of years telling everybody to be sure to vote.

Loeb knows. As he said last night and as I know, much of this money passed through his hands. Until his retirement several years ago he recorded, duplicated and distributed these messages for the AFL-CIO. Loeb founded and operated and owned Sound Studios, first on Vermont Ave., NW, just below Thomas Circle, later from a property rented from the late Cornelia Pinchot closer to Capitol Hill, on 6th St, NW, just above C.

There was also a personal relationship between the Loebs and Meanys. I met members of the Meany family at the Loeb farm, near mine, and know of other visits each way. This includes the Loebs' regular attendance at the AFL-CIO Miami meetings. I am pretty certain Meany was at the Loeb farm often enough.

I have no knowledge how much the AFL-CIO under Meany spent in telling everyone to vote and how to vote, but it must have been considerable of the working-people's money over the years, judging from the amount of work of this nature Loeb alone did.

And now he is telling everyone not to vote for President.

No need to take time to respond. This is merely for your information, should it later be of interest.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg